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Subject: [REDACTED] Interview

Attached is a witness interview that I performed regarding the Johns Manville Site.

CC: [REDACTED] BRADLEY-BRAD, HERRING-MARGARET, RAFATI-MIKE

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Witness Interview

Date of interview: June 3, 1998

Subject: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Winthrop Harbor, Illinois 60096 (Residence)

Telephone: [REDACTED] (Home)

Location of interview: [REDACTED]

Winthrop Harbor, Illinois 60096

Interview performed by: [REDACTED] Investigator

Witnesses: None

After identifying myself, [REDACTED] was advised as to the nature of the investigation. Upon interrogation, [REDACTED] voluntarily provided the following information:

[REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED]. He is currently [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED] was employed at the Johns Manville Company for [REDACTED] years. He describes himself as the last of his kind still alive and would have been an employee with the most time on the job. He began working at Manville in [REDACTED] at the age of 17 and retired in [REDACTED] at the age of [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED], [REDACTED] started in the [REDACTED]. From [REDACTED], [REDACTED] went into the military service for two years. In [REDACTED], [REDACTED] maintained the grounds and outside of the buildings. From [REDACTED], he worked in the Transdite Pipe Department. From [REDACTED], he worked back in the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was a millwright (repaired machines and kept production going), in maintenance, and in construction while in the [REDACTED] during his career. [REDACTED] was also in charge of the [REDACTED] as a section leader from about [REDACTED] until he retired in [REDACTED].

_____ walks with the aid of a cane. He had a _____ and has had _____ after his _____. He _____ uncontrollably.

The Transdite Pipe Department made water pipe, sewer pipe, air duct pipe among the products manufactured. Transdite Pipe was made from cement, sand, and asbestos. The finished product was white in color. To _____ knowledge, Manville or other companies did not have Transdite pipes going into the lake.

At one time, a shooting range was constructed between Manville and Public Science. The shooting range was for the Pan America Games. _____ could not remember when the shooting range was built. _____ thinks the range was built on the City of Waukegan property between Manville and Com Ed. A berm (wall) was built on the East End. _____ thinks the shooting range was owned by the City of Waukegan. _____ does not remember the contractor that constructed the shooting range.

The berm (wall) was to prevent the bullets from going into the lake. _____ helped build the berm. _____ drove a Manville dump truck used to haul materials of scrap transdite pipe, scrap brake linings, scrap roofing, scrap flex board and other scrap from the products that Manville manufactured. This scrap was mixed with clay. The berm was probably 30-40 feet high and as long or longer. Other Manville drivers that hauled scrap to construct the berm were _____ (don't know where he lives but maybe in Michigan, _____ (don't know where he lives). The berm was standing for about three or four years.

Outside contractors torn the berm down. Don't know who the contractors were that torn the wall down. Maybe the City of Waukegan hired the contractors. After the Pan America games, the City of Waukegan used the range for shooting practice for its police officers. The berm was flattened and levelled with the surrounding ground. The scrap was covered with clay and sand but was left on the ground. The berm was about 100 yards from the water. The scrap used to construct the berm was not hauled away but left remaining on the ground.

In the latter part of the 1980's, asbestos pieces 4-5" were found on the Com Ed property. Then the state EPA bagged the asbestos pieces and Manville

picked up the bags. [REDACTED] did this with four or five guys and his Manville dump truck. They picked up the bags and brought the bags back on the Manville property. The bags were then dumped in the Manville landfill and covered with clay. Tewes Excavating hauled in clay to Manville and [REDACTED] would make a stockpile at Manville. This was used as needed to cover up waste. [REDACTED] does not know where the asbestos pieces came from that were on the Com Ed property. [REDACTED] stated that Manville never dumped anything into the lake. [REDACTED] does not know where the current asbestos is coming from that is washing up from the water. [REDACTED] did say that the asbestos must have come from the Manville Company but does not know how or when it got into the lake.

The road that was built on the East end of the Manville property in 1958-1960 was built with scrap materials from the Manville property including asbestos. [REDACTED] started and finished the road. [REDACTED] had a D-4 Cat that spread the scrap (including asbestos flex board) to build the road. Cinders were used to cover the scrap with the D-4 Cat. The scrap truck drivers would make a pile and [REDACTED] would level it out and pack it in with a Cat the next day. This was at least 500 yards from the lake. The road was about 8 feet deep (previously used as a ditch) and 12-16 feet wide and from the South to the North end of the plant (maybe a 1/4 mile long).

Flex boards were 4x8', 4x12' and made out of asbestos and cement. The boards were white when they were cured. The flex boards were also used to build the road and the berm. [REDACTED] does not know who else I can interview regarding the asbestos but did mention [REDACTED] (now in [REDACTED] Florida), [REDACTED] (now in Zion and may still be employed at Manville), [REDACTED] (now in Tennessee somewhere), [REDACTED] (now lives in [REDACTED] Wisconsin). These are all the names that [REDACTED] could remember. [REDACTED] is one of the oldest employees of the Manville company in terms of time on the job.

Zion used Transdite pipe but the City of Waukegan did not. Maybe the houses that were built many years ago when [REDACTED] was a kid used Transdite pipes. The houses were removed. [REDACTED] does not know any more. Manville was very good about not dumping anything or letting anything foreign go into the lake. [REDACTED] could not refer me to anyone else to talk with that may have information about the asbestos. [REDACTED] said that EPA may contact him in the future if we need to. This is all that [REDACTED] said he could tell me. The interview was concluded.